The Lambda Center

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Were Back!

The Lambda Community Center's newsletter has arrived! We will be publishing quarterly, with the next issue set for December of this year. Would you like to submit an article for the newsletter? Please send all submissions to the Lambda Community Center, 919 20th St, Sacramento, CA 95814. Due to space limitations, we may not be able to print all submissions. ❐

Center welcomes new Executive Director

After a lengthy search, the Lambda Community Center has a new executive director, Jon Chappie. He is returning to Sacramento after 8 years in Arzona and Nevada. Some of you may remember him as the license plate MRS P N DR. Some times referred to as the Doctors Wife!! He is anxious to get out and meet as many community members as possible. He would like to hear what you think the Community Center's direction, role and vision is, or what YOU think it should be. CAN WE TALK?!!! You can contact him at the Center at 442-0185. ❐

Patricia Nell-Warren to appear at Center

Open Book and Outword are sponsoring the appearance of Patricia Nell Warren at the Center on August 31 at 2:00 as part of the Rainbow Festival activities.

Patricia Nell Warren has been writing professionally since the age of seventeen. In forty years, her subjects have ranged from women, Goddesses, Earth, civil rights, gay and lesbian life, Native American lifestyles to wild animals, eco-agriculture, and commentary on current events and trends.

Ms. Warren's most successful novel, The Front Runner, was first published by William Morrow in 1974, and has become one of

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1997 Freedom Fair a Success!

By most accounts this years Freedom Fair was a great success, despite the fact that donations were down almost $5,000 from 1996. Overall the fair raised almost $20,000 to help support the Lambda Community Fund and the projects it supports. For all of those who donated - thank you! For those who did not, it's not to late! The Fair is a chance for our community to enjoy a day of pride and celebration. But it's not "free" as many people think. The Fair costs over$22,000 to put on. Much of this money comes in the day of the Fair - from your donation. Here's where all the money came from; and where it went!

Income:

Donations	$5,896
Advertising	$1,410
Beer Garden	$10,196
Corp. Sponsorship	$12,500
Vendor Fees	$8,000
Fundraisers	$3,373
Total Income	$41,375

Expenses

Permits	$440
Program	$2,000
Operations	$5,330
Serurity	$1,100
Entertainment	$6,170
Concessions	$6,300
Miscellaneous	$750
Total Expenses	$22,090
Net Profit	$19,285

There are still a few T-shirts and caps left if you didn't get yours. If you are interested in helping plan next years fair, contact Norman at the Lambda Center, 442-0185. ❐

54 Years of Love

This letter was sent to the Lambda Center newsletter, we thought you would enjoy reading Gerrit and Gene's story.

You have printed several stories of Gays and their long partnerships. Here is mine:

I and my lover met in NYC at a party in a home of one of his family's straight friends.

I was a sailor walking towards the Village. A car stopped ahead of me and a couple got out dressed for a party. They saw me and asked me to come in and join the party for Christmas Eve. Having nothing else to do I accepted. It turned out to be a large party. As I was enjoying the good food, drinks and fellowship, my love walked in.

We were introduced and I fell right away for him, I was elated to find out he was also gay and single. He was shy and reclusive while I was world-wise. As the evening went on we became more attached to each other. I asked him to be my lover for life, he laughed and said "Why not? Only you are in the service and I am not" I answered it makes no difference, from then on he was mine.

I went on back to war, all around the world, 2 missions (Italy in the west, Guadulcanal in the Pacific), and numerous other places. Every chance I got I was back in NYC to see him, when in between, we wrote letters. Finally after 15 mos. in Korea we decided it was enough and I should come home to live with him, I did.

We had a full life together; fun, adventure, trips, friends, and love. Mostly love, we were always true to each other. We lived 25 years in the San Francisco and Marin County. We moved to Houston, TX. for 23 years and here in Yolo County for 3 years. We loved it here in the Sacto area as it is close to the country as well as metro cities.

We had a hard year plus due to my love coming down with cancer.

We celebrated our 54th anniversary on Christmas Eve with a small party of 8 from PFLAG-Yolo county. We also were celebrated in our church.

My love passed away on January 25th, exactly 54 years 1 month from our first starting our partnership.

Life has been full of ups and downs but we enjoyed them for what they were worth. We also raised 5 foster children who are all married with children of their own. We also have been active in our "straight" church. It is a bi-lingual church and all good Christians as shown by the 50 plus cards they sent me in memory and condolence.

This was taken from the church bulletin:

In Memoriam...

Gerrit Smith passed away quietly during the early morning hours on Saturday, January 25, following a long and "miracle-filled" fight with cancer. Gene Adachi has been hospitalized recently with complications related to diabetes and his heart, but Gene sends all his love to Pine Friends. Gene & Gerrit celebrated their 54th anniversary last Christmas Eve. ❐

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Sacramento Gender Assocation

Hi, I'm Ava, President of the Sacramento Gender Association. The SGA is a non-profit, non-sexual social group for Transgendered people and their girl-friends, wives, and friends. we meet twice (the second and fourth Saturdays) a month for dinner. The ages of our members run from their 20s to our oldest member who is in her seventies. We have been here in Sacramento since 1985 on a continuous basis. we are not a counseling service but help each other by our support and sharing of our own life stories. Our yearly dues are $20.00 for a member; $35.00 for member and significant other. It is not necessary to dress female to attend meetings but most do. Information about meeting and group can be had by telephoning our Association telephone 916.482.7742 or by writing to Sacramento Gender Association, P.O. Box 215456, Sacramento, CA 95821.❐

Insights from inside the Board

Cris Breivik

Why be a member of the Lambda Community Fund Board of Directors? That was a question I asked myself almost two years ago, after the Board President had asked if I were interested in getting involved at the Center. My desire had been for some time to make a contribution to our community that went beyond financial contribution, something that world have a lasting influence. This was a way that I felt I could make a difference.

As I have participated in committee work and various activities, I have learned just how difficult it is to operate a non-profit organization and that all goals can't be achieved at once, that the process is a gradual one. I have learned that fundraising isn't as easy as I might have suspected, and how important private contribution is to the survival of the organization.

By far the biggest revelation to me has been the incredible support of Center staff and Board members to the Center and their commitment to serving the community. Working for the Center is not an easy job, because it's not just a job, it's a meaningful cause. I have been witness to countless hours of service of board and staff above and beyond the call of duty. These people have earned my respect and have served as role models for me.

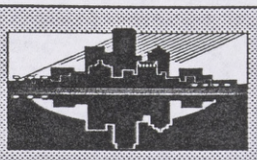
It's exciting to see new members join the Board, their talent and insight make the future of the Center bright. I encourage all of you to consider participation on the Board of Directors or contributing your talent in some way to the growth of the Center.

Cris Breivik has been a member of the Lambda Comminity Fund Board of Directors for two years now. He has been an outstanding excample of what a dedicated board member looks like and he has the love & recpect of the entire staff at the Center. ❐

Groups Meet at Center

The following grous meet regularly at the Lambda Community Center, 919 20th St. Space is avaiable for new groups needing space to meet. For more information, call the Center at 442-0185.

AA ..... Sun 11am-12:30pm, Tues. 8-9:30 pm
Being Alive Living Room ..... Thurs. 2-5:30 pm
CODA ..... Thurs. 7:30-9:30 pm
Finallyl A Gay Traffic School ..... Sat. 9am-4:30 pm
Gay & Lesbian Film Festival ..... Sun. 2-6 pm
Gay Fathers ..... 2nd Sun. 6-9 pm
HEAL ..... 2nd Tues. 7-9 pm
HIV/AIDS 101 ..... Thurs. 7-9pm
Lambda Board of Directors ..... 3rd Wed. 6-10 pm
Lambda Players Board . First Mon. 7-8:30 pm
Men's Coming Out Group .. Mon. 6-7:30 pm
NA ..... Sun. 7-8:30 pm
Pink Triangle Traffic Sch. ..... 2nd Sat.9am-4:30 pm
Rainbow Room ..... Fri. 6-7:30 pm
Sac. Area Bisexual Network ..... 2nd & 4th Tues. 7-9pm
20 Something GroupWed. 7:30-8:30 pm
Youth Advis. Board .... 3rd Mon. 7:30 pm



Upcoming Events:

Watch the local papers for more information about these events.

8/4-9/15: Queers in History: 1860-1932 Bohemian Paris - Prenazi Germany

8/31: Patricia Neil Warren appears at the Center. 2pm 919 20th St.

Labor Day Weekend: Rainbow Festival. Faces

9/12-9/27: Jeffrey at the 24th St. Theatre: See next column.

9/22-9/23: Open auditions for "Close to Glenn. See next column.

10/9-10/11: The Sacramento Intl. Gay and Lesbian Film Festival. At the Crest. See "Film Festival" below.

The Play's the thing

The Lambda Players will be starting the 1997-1998 Season in September. This will be the Players 9th season and its going to be a great one.

Jeffrey *Sept. 12th-27th.* Paul Rudnick's Obie Award-winning romantic comedy asks the musical question "Is George Burnerd Shaw really God?"

Close to Glen *Nov. 14th-Dec. 13th.* This is the World Premiere of G. Bruce Smith's delightfully witty and gay farce. When a gay father and his lover try to help their daughter get into Yale ... will Glen Close come to the rescue?

The Captive *Feb. 6th-Mar. 7th.* Edouard Bourdet's play takes place in Paris where a young lesbian struggles with her desires and the morals and family values of the 1920's.

The Sum of Us *April 3rd-25th.* David Stevens heart-warning Australian comedy about a father and son. The son is looking for Mr. Right and Dad just wants to help! But is he???

Finding Emily *May 15th-June 6th.* This new work is from Terri Ramos, the creator of "The Lesbian Perspective". Emily struggles to mend her relationships with her mother and grandmother and confronts the secrets they have kept from each other and themselves.

The Lambda Player's are offering Season Subscriptions this season. For more information on season tickets or the plays call 916.491.1062. See you at the play. ❐

Intl. Gay and Lesbian Film Festival

The Sacramento Interntaional Gay and Lesbian Film Festival arrives in town again on October 9th through the 11th. The Festival will begin with film shorts shown at 7:00 pm at Sac. State on Thrusday the 9th, followed by more shorts at the Crest Theatre on Friday the 10th. The award winning Feature Film "It's in the Water" will be shown on Saturday the 11th. Watch the papers for specific times and ticket prices. As usual, it's sure be a big hit! ❐

American Express sponsors financial Planning Seminars - FREE!

The Lambda Community Center with Bob Roth and Shelly Biermann from American Expres Financial Advisors Inc. will present sound financial planning workshops. Financial planning for lesbians, gay men and bisexuals will be offered in a series of three workshops. The three workshops, "Roadblocks to financial Independance", "Investment Strategies", and "Taxes, Retirement, and Estate Planning" will be offered beginning October 8 through November 8 at the Lambda Community Center. All workshops are free of charge. For times and other info. call Michelle Barnthouse at 646-3225.

Lambda AIDS Project Moves!

The Lambda AIDS Project, a resource service for people living with HIV or AIDS, has moved to it's new location on the corner of 20th and I Streets. The office will be open to clients from 9-noon and noo-5pm, Tuesday through Friday. ❐

The Little One who Could...Volunteer

Though Dewey knows he will never get to answer the phones he knows he is needed. If for anything the smiles he brings to those who meet him. He works tirelessly with his best friend Charlie for the Lambda Players.

Dewey is a dog. He gives up many hours of dog naps to volunteer. Don't you think you could donate a few hours a week? If not for the Center, then for one of Sacramento's other great non-profits. Just ask Dewey, it's well "woof" it! ❐

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the most popular gay love storys. This landmark classic about the relationship between an ex-marine track coach and an Olympic athlete, has sold an estimated ten million copies, and been translated into eight languages.

In June of 1994 Harlan's Race the long awaited sequel to The Front Runner was published and instantly became the top-selling hardback novel in gay bookstores.

Ms Warren is a Commissioner on the Gay and Lesbian Education Commission of the Los Angeles Unified School District, as well as a consultant to the ACLU and other civil rights organizations. She is a political journalist, radio commentator, and co-edit Youth Arts Project, an on-line "zine" at the University of Southern California website: http://spidey.usc.edu/gf/yap. A long-standing member of both the Authors Guild and the Montana Authors Coalition, Warren lectures nationwide, conducts literary workshops, and has established her own internet website: http://gaywired.com/wildcat/wildcat.htm

Ms. Warren will be speaking on youth and education and will be reading from her latest book. The Open Book will have copies of her many books for purchase. ❐

This is Where We Are

In the main hallway of the Lambda Community Center hangs a large - very large - Thomas Brothers street map of the Sacramento County and the out lying communities. So when you come in the Center get a pen and mark the spot where you live. It's amazing how fast this map is filling up and it's alot of fun to look at. The map was a gift from a volunteer who saw a similar project at the Billy De Frank Center in San Jose. ❐

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YES! I would like to support the Lambda Community Center and the vital services it provides to our community.

❐ $10 ❐ $25 ❐ $50 ❐ $100 (Bronze Level Sponsorship)

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All sponsorships include a free quarterly subscription to the Lambda Community Fund Newsletter. Gold, Silver, and Bronze level sponsorships include a plack placed on the "Founders Wall" at the Lambda Community Center. *Please make all check payable to the Lambda Community Fund. No cash please.*

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